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Sir:

In accordance with Applicant's duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants hereby make of record the document listed on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application.

It is respectfully requested that the reference cited on the accompanying Form PTO-1449 be considered and made of record. If the publication listed thereon is missing, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned so that a copy can be promptly forwarded.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination and under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits. Accordingly, it is believed that no fee is due. However, if it is determined that any fee is due, the Examiner is authorized to charge said fee to Attorney Deposit Account No. 50-0552.

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